

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 366

Approved June 19, 1974

WHEREAS, a study has recommended consolidation and renewing Court Facilities for the State, and

WHEREAS, the busiest Courts and highest case load is in the City of Providence, and

WHEREAS, 80% of the State's population lives within a ten (10) mile radius of the City of Providence, and

WHEREAS, most of the law and insurance and business offices, lawyers, judges, businesses, witnesses, and other involved persons and resources are located nearest to the City of Providence, and

WHEREAS, the highways leading into the Capital city are most able to handle ready access to the courts and justice, and

WHEREAS, the State House and State Law Library and State Offices and officials are located in the City of Providence, and

WHEREAS, most hospitals and physicians and other expert witnesses, who may be needed in court proceedings, are closest to the City of Providence,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all responsible officials be urged and requested to locate the New Court facilities in the City of Providence, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, City Council, and All Concerned Officials of the City of Providence, including the Urban Development and Board and Planning Agency, and Providence Re-development Council, do all in their power to cooperate with, urge and assist, the location of new Central Court Facilities in the City of Providence, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to all officials concerned with the location of the New Court facilities, including:

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Thomas Roberts

Chief Justice of the Superior Court Joseph Weisberger

Chief Justice of the Family Court Edward Gallogly

Chief Justice of the District Court Henry Lailiberte

Governor of the State of Rhode Island Philip W. Noel

Speakers of the House

President of the Senate

Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate House.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
JUN 17 1974

READ AND PASSED

PRES.  
*William C. ...*  
CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR

*Joseph A. ...*  
JUN 19 1974

# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations



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July 1, 1974

The Honorable Vincent Vespia  
City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Vinnie:

Thank you for your copy of the Resolution, Number 366,  
of the City Council with respect to retaining any Central  
Court Facilities in the City of Providence.

I agree with this position and certainly will do  
anything I can to see that the Central Court Facilities  
stay in the City of Providence.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "F. Lippitt", written over a horizontal line.

Frederick Lippitt  
House Minority Leader

FL:RT

SUPERIOR COURT OF RHODE ISLAND  
PROVIDENCE 02903

JOSEPH R. WEISBERGER  
PRESIDING JUSTICE

November 14, 1974

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Honorable Vincent Vespia  
City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Vespia:

I have received and thank you for a copy of the Resolution of the City Council relating to the location of central court facilities.

There are no present plans to move any of the significant criminal or civil functions of the Superior Court from its present location in Providence. Suggestions have been made that a new court facility be constructed in the Howard complex. Such suggestions were contained in a court facility study submitted by Michael Wong, an architect of national reputation in the design of court facilities. This design contemplated that the court facility at Howard would contain a number of courtrooms for Superior Court use.

However, these rooms would more likely be used to handle cases transferred from other counties such as Washington and Kent, and for certain types of matters relating to the Adult Correctional Institutions or the Institute of Mental Health, where proximity to those sites would be a significant factor. I had suggested then and continue to suggest that our present operation in Providence, where 12 judges are presently assigned, should continue unabated. I consider the Providence Superior Court operation to be one of maximum efficiency.

The only major shortcoming in our Providence location is the deplorable lack of parking facilities, which makes it

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Honorable Vincent Vespia

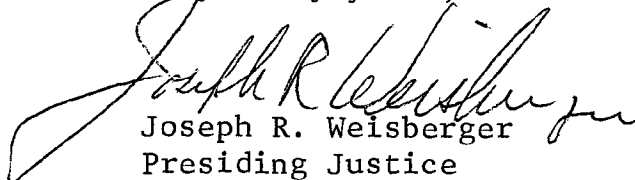
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exceedingly difficult for lawyers, litigants and jurors to make appropriate arrangements for the parking of their vehicles during their court attendance. It is also extremely difficult, and indeed a hardship, for many court employees to arrange for the parking of their vehicles during the course of their daily work.

In any event, you may be assured that the concern of the City Council that the Superior Court provide appropriate services in the capital city is shared by me and by my colleagues.

Very truly yours,



Joseph R. Weisberger  
Presiding Justice

JRW:grl

cc: Governor Philip W. Noel  
Chief Justice Thomas H. Roberts  
Lieutenant Governor J. Joseph Garrahy  
Honorable Joseph A. Bevilacqua  
Chief Judge Edward P. Gallogly  
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